



HOPE VALE ABORIGINAL SHIRE COUNCIL

MEETING REPORT

ITEM NO: 6.2.9 ORDINARY MEETING:

SUBJECT: Australian local Government Assn. National General Assembly

CLASSIFICATION: ACTION

RECOMMENDATION

That Council approve attendance by **????** at the Australian Local Government Assn's National General Assembly to be held in Canberra from 23rd June to 25th June 2026

BUDGET & RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

Early Bird registration is \$1000 per person	\$1000
Estimated accommodation 5 nights by \$500pp	\$2500
Estimated flight cost pp	\$ 700
+ Travel allowance \$153 perday x 4	\$ 612
Total cost per person	\$4812

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

Each Year the Australian Local Government Assn holds an annual convention entitled the National General Assembly where all Councils within Australia meet to consider Australia wide issues that affect Local Government in all states.

LINK TO OPERATIONAL PLAN

5.6.3 Identification and attendance at training and self-development for Councillors and senior staff.

CONSULTATION (Internal/External)

N/a

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legal issues in attending Local Government specific events

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

N/a

RISK ASSESSMENT

Low

ATTACHMENTS:

Copy of the Assembly Programme

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NGA

National General Assembly

National Convention Centre,

STRONGER TOGETHER: RESILIENT. PRODUCTIVE. UNITED.

Date: 23-25 June

Proposed Program

2026 program outline is now available

Regional Forum

Tuesday: 9.00AM - 5.30PM

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LGA

Wednesday - Thursday

Urban Forum

Tuesday: 9.00AM - 5.30PM

PROPOSED PROGRAM

Tuesday, June 23

8AM

REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Regional Forum & Urban Forum

Concurrent sessions. Regional Forum sessions will be held in the Royal Theatre and the Urban Forum sessions will be held in the Ballroom

9AM

9am → 10am

Regional Forum (RF) Opening Session

Mayor Matt Burnett ALGA President, Australian Local Government Association



Royal Theatre

[Regional](#)

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📍 Ballroom

Urban

10AM

10am → 10:30am

Forums Morning Tea

📍 Exhibition Halls

10:30am → 11:30am

RF Session 1: Disaster Management Fatigue

Dr Helen Durham Chief Executive Officer, RedR



📍 Royal Theatre

Regional

10:30am → 11:30am

UF Session 1: State of the Cities

Mr Simon Kuestenmacher The Demographics Group



📍 Ballroom

Urban

11AM

11:30am → 12:30pm

RF Session 2: State of the Regions

Mr Simon Kuestenmacher The Demographics Group



📍 Royal Theatre

Regional


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Ballroom

[Urban](#)

12PM

12:30pm → 1:30pm

Forums Lunch

Exhibition Halls

1PM

1:30pm → 2:30pm

RF Session 3: National productivity & Local Roads

Royal Theatre

[Regional](#)

1:30pm → 2:30pm

UF Session 3: Emergency Management

Communicating to large populations

Mr Matt Prosser Chief Executive Officer, Wellington City Council

Ballroom

[Urban](#)

2PM

2:30pm → 3:30pm

RF Session 4: Opportunities & Challenges - Renewable Transition**Mr Tony Mahar** Australian Energy Infrastructure Commissioner · **Ms Liz Ritchie** Chief Executive Officer, Regional Australia Institute

Royal Theatre

[Regional](#)



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Urban

3PM

3:30pm → 4:30pm

Forums Afternoon Tea

Exhibition Halls

4PM

4:30pm → 5:30pm

RF Session 5: Regional Health

Ms Carol Mudford AgriFutures 2025 Rural Women's National Award Winner and Founder – CEO, Shedway, Shedway



Royal Theatre

Regional

4:30pm → 5:30pm

UF Session 5: Community Cohesion in Fast Growing Centres

Ballroom

Urban

5PM

5:30pm → 7:30pm

Welcome Reception | Sponsored by Payble

The Welcome Reception will be held within the Exhibition Halls at the National Convention Centre for the delegates to have a meet and greet with the 2026 Exhibitors.

Exhibition Halls

Wednesday, June 24

8AM

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9AM

9am → 10am

Opening Session

Governor-General

Amy Crawford Chief Executive Officer, ALGA



Royal Theatre

10AM

10am → 11am

NGA Session 1

David Speers (MC) in conversation with Ministers and Shadow Ministers Include under this:
Invited Ministers include (attendance TBC): The Treasurer, the Hon Dr Jim Chalmers MP
Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government, the Hon...

Mr David Speers



Royal Theatre

11AM

11am → 12pm

MEAL BREAK ONE - DAY 1

12PM

12pm → 1pm

NGA Session 2: Financial Sustainability

Launch of 2026 National State of the Assets Report (Association Presidents)

Royal Theatre

1PM

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📍 Royal Theatre

2PM**2pm → 3pm****MEAL BREAK TWO - DAY 1**

📍 Exhibition Halls

3PM**3pm → 5:30pm****NGA Session 4 - Debate on Motions**

Mayor Matt Burnett ALGA President, Australian Local Government Association ·
Amy Crawford Chief Executive Officer, ALGA



Thursday, June 25

8AM**REGISTRATIONS OPEN DAY THREE****8:30am → 11am****NGA Session 5 - Debate on Motions**

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Amy Crawford Chief Executive Officer, ALGA



📍 Royal Theatre

11AM

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12PM

12pm → 2pm

NGA Session 6: Listen and Action

With Jason Clarke, Local Government Skills Audit, including the National Jobs Survey

Mr Jason Clarke



Royal Theatre

2PM

2pm → 3pm

MEAL BREAK TWO - Day Two

Exhibition Halls

3PM

3pm → 4:30pm

NGA Session 7: Securing Funds

Payable Research with Dailius Wilson How to Get that Grant with Colin Steele NGA Session 8: Respectful communication in the online world

Mr Dailius Wilson Chief Revenue Officer and Chief Economist, Payble · Mr Colin Steele Managing Director, Section51



Royal Theatre

4PM

4:30pm → 5pm

NGA Close and Communiqué

Royal Theatre

7PM



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 Australian War Memorial

7pm → 11pm

Networking Event: Verity Lane | Sponsored by Readytech

Market Hall, Verity Lane

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Registration Information Flyer

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